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SUBJECT: BOMB INCIDENT AT ROYAL CEREMONY

1. DURING AN AWARDS CEREMONY IN YALA PROVINCE SEPT 22
ATTENDED BY THE KING AND QUEEN AND THE ROYAL PRINCESSES,
TWO SMALL HOME MADE BOMBS EXPLODED INJURING NEARLY 50 SPECTATORS.
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE FIRST BOMB WENT OFF ABOUT 50 METRES
FROM WHERE THE ROYAL FAMILY WAS SEATED AND THE SECOND ONE
EXPLODED ABOUT 100 METRES AWAY. NONE OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE ROYAL FAMILY WAS INJURED AND THE CEREMONY CONTINUED
AFTER A BRIEF INTERRUPTION.

2. POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL, GENERAL MONCHAI PHANKHONGCHUN,
AND DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR,
DAMRONG SUNTHON SARATHUN, HAVE FLOWN TO YALA TO SUPERVISE
THE INVESTIGATION OF THE BOMBINGS WHICH AUTHORITIES
SUSPECT WAS THE WORK OF ONE OF THE SEPARATIST
ORGANIZATIONS.

3. COMMENT: IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT THE BOMBS
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WERE INTENDED TO INJURE THE ROYAL FAMILY. AT FIRST
GLANCE, THE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE BOMBS USED APPEAR
TOO PRIMITIVE TO CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS ATTEMPT ON THE
KING. RATHER, AS OFFICIALS SUSPECT, ONE OF THE
SEPARATIST ORGANIZATIONS, KNOWING THE PRESENCE OF THE
ROYAL FAMILY WOULD DRAW A BIG AUDIENCE, PROBABLY DECIDED
TO USE THE OCCASION TO SEEK PUBLICITY. SEPARATIST

ORGANIZATIONS HAVE CLAIMED CREDIT FOR RECENT BOMBING
AT DON MUANG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND FOR BOMBS
DISCOVERED ON A TRAIN IN SOUTHERN THAILAND.
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